Statement

Credit extended under Annual Credit Plan by Commercial Banks in the districts of Jharkhand Region in Bihar during the year 1994-95

Name of the districts in the Jharkhand Region	Year 1994-95 (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Damka	503.00
2. Deoghar	538.45
3. Godda	179.00
4. Sahebgang	311.00
5. Pakur	160.13
6. Hazaribagh	266.62
7. Kodarma	(-)
8. Chatra	76.79
9. Giridih	477.77
10. Dhanbad	958.01
11. Bokaro	1247.11
12. Ranchi	2867.52
13. Gumla	260.01
14. Lohardaga	83.05
15. Singhbhum (W)	757.52
16. Singhbhum (E)	690.75
17. Palamau	690.83
18. Grahwa	228.15

(-) District was not in existence.

Clearance to consignment of Hashish by Customs Authorities

2375. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the custom authorities cleared a consignment of 423 kg. of hashish in July, 1996 at the Indira Gandhi International Airport which was seized by it earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons for clearing the consignment;

(c) whether a bogus export firm is stated to have got the consignment cleared;

(d) if so, whether the bogus export firm has been identified and brought to book; and

(e) whether the lapses on the part of the custom authorities have been enquired into and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) There was a report in Delhi edition of Indian Express dated 18.7.96 regarding seizure of hashish in Toronto, Canada from a consignment of goods exported from New Delhi. Narcotics Control Bureau has taken up further investigations in the matter and are in touch with the Canadian Authorities. The investigations are in progress. Information sought shall be laid on the Table of the House after completion of investigations.

Rise in prices despite decline in inflation

2376. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 100 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1996 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prices continue to rise while inflation dipped to all time low in May-June, this year;

(b) if so, the reigning prices of different essential commodities, especially consumer items at each week-end; and

(c) the main reasons for continued rise in prices?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) During May-June, 1996 the annual rise in prices (inflation) was less than 5% but the rise in the prices of essential commodities ranged from allow 3.4% to a high 9.1%. The magnitude of annual increase in selected essential commodities is listed below in Table-I (*See* below).

(c) The rise in prices of some essential commodities is partly seasonal in nature or due to a marginal production short-fall in some commodities such as wheat and also due to upward revision in minimum support/ procurement prices.

Table 1

Annual Inflation Rate in Selected Essential Commodities
(May-June, 1996)

		Annual Inflation Rate (%)						
Month	Week No.	All commodities	Rice	Wheat	Sugar	Mustard Oil	Ground nut Oil	Essential commodities
May	1	4.6	6.9	2.5	2.6	3.4	-1.5	5.2
	2	4.4	6.5	2.7	3.4	5.1	1.9	4.6
	3	4.4	6.5	3.1	3.6	6.1	-0.1	4.8
	4	4.4	5.2	6.0	4.5	5.7	-1.5	4.8
June	1	4.8	6.4	8.9	5.9	5.9	-0.5	5.8
	2	4.5	7.1	8.1	5.8	6.9	-0.7	5.6
	3	4.5	7.7	10.8	5.6	10.6	0.1	5.6
	4	4.2	7.5	9.8	4.9	10.6	-0.4	5.1
	5	4.2	7.9	11.0	3.7	9.9	-0.3	5.9

Health schemes launched in U.P. with the World Bank Assistance

2377. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of the health schemes started in Uttar Pradesh with the World Bank assistance;

(b) the extent to which the said schemes have proved to be succes.ful; and

(c) specific steps being taken for expeditious implementation of those schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) National Programmes for control of AIDS, Leprosy, Blindless and Population growth are being carried out in the State of Uttar Pradesh with World Bank assistance.

An Externally Funded Project Cell has been set up in the Ministry to monitor the effective implementation of these projects.

Utilisation of Assistance by World Bank and Financial Institutions

2378. SHRI LACHHMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state:

(a) whether the assistance provided by World Bank or other financial institutions is utilised for other purposes by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) measures adopted to check it?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Under the present dispensation, external assistance is generally received on reimbursement basis against expenditure incurred by the executing agencies and therefore, its use for purposes other than those specified in the project does not arise.

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2379. **श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान में एक "ओर्गन रिट्रीवल और बैंकिंग ओरगनाइजेशन"